

Pat Rushford and daughter Jackie at door of their temporary quarters

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CAN YOU SPARE A SUITE?

Pat Rushford, of Kelowna, has three strikes against him in trying to find a place to live in Victoria: he is divorced, he has a four-year-old daughter, and he is enrolled as a student at UVic.

In a search that began in April, he has run into "a hundred deadends" in trying to find adequate quarters for himself and his daughter, Jackie.

As a matter of fact, local homefinding consultants declined to take his enlistment fee because they forthrightly told him that they would never find him a place because he is divorced, has a child and is a student.

Mr. Rushford's plight is just one, albeit one of the more severe cases, among

hundreds that are and will be emerging in the next two weeks at UVic's Housing Service offices. UVic's enrolment will again climb drastically, and again this year, but even more critically, there is a shortage of accommodation throughout Greater Victoria.

Mr. Rushford, 29, was a child care worker with the provincial Human Resources Department in Kelowna until he decided this year to upgrade his education with UVic's Child Care programme. He came in April for three days to search for a place. He came up with one, but it fell through.

From Kelowna, through phone calls and with the help of friends living here,

he continued his search. Then on July 29 he moved here with Jackie.

Thanks to Rev. Bob McLaren of Cadboro Bay United Church, father and daughter were able to bunk down in sleeping bags on the floor of the minister's house for the first few days here. Both Rev. McLaren and his son-in-law Al Richards have been "fantastic" in trying to find the Rushfords a place.

Until the end of the month, the Rushfords are living in a one-room basement suite in central Victoria. The landlord, who does not want to rent to someone with a child, took pity and allowed them to stay for August.

Mr. Rushford, a soft-spoken man with a gentle manner, might come up with an arrangement where he can have for \$170 a month one room and share a kitchen and bathroom with a family of three, but this he feels is a desperate solution.

He said it just isn't roomy enough for Jackie, a child whose main pleasures are drawing by herself and watching television and who at that age should have her own room. With a student loan and grant, Mr. Rushford can afford the kind of rent that would be asked for a modest suite.

What worries him even more is that he might lose custody of his child because he might not have adequate room for her.

Since coming here, Mr. Rushford has made dozens of phone calls, knocked on dozens of doors, puts ads on all of Victoria's radio stations and in the newspapers. "The ads have cost me a bloody fortune."

He also has eight character references.

Though discouraged, Mr. Rushford is far from bitter. He expressed gratitude towards the university staff and landlords with whom he has come into contact. "Everybody has been nice to me. And landlords will say to me 'sorry we don't like to have children' but then they will give me leads and make some enquiries for me."

Because of his special circumstances, and through the help of Mrs. Barbara Williams, UVic's Child Care Centre supervisor, he has managed to place Jackie in the centre. That is a relief.

Mr. Rushford requires an operation for ulcers, but he is putting it off indefinitely. Not settled yet, and with only a week left before studies start, he just doesn't have the time.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Shirley Baker, manager of Housing Services, is continuing to plead for accommodation through media advertisements.

She has also issued an appeal to university faculty and staff. In a letter circulated around campus, she said: "The amount of accommodation offered to us for listing in our off-campus housing files is not sufficient to meet the needs of many students who hope to attend the University of Victoria, and we are concerned that many students may be unable to attend if they cannot find a place to live. A special effort is being made to find accommodation for couples, some with children."

CARING FOR CHILDREN

"The child needs sunshine, childish play, good examples all around him, and at least a little love."

This quotation of Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoevsky hangs prominently in the Sedgewick office of Dr. Christopher D. Webster, 38, who arrived July 1 to take up his post as director of UVic's fledgling Child Care programme.

The quotation hints at what Dr. Webster wants to see in students coming out of Child Care for work which will range from helping retarded, handicapped and disturbed children to supervising normal and even exceptionally gifted children.

He said he will be developing a programme that will provide first-rate instruction, that will encourage students to keep up with technological advances in child treatment, and that will instill in them the skills of observing behaviour scientifically.

But what is equally important, he said, is having students who will "develop sensitivity to the child's viewpoint."

When students begin to encounter a variety of disadvantaged children in their required field work, "the main question that will confront them will be how can we make sense of that child's suffering?"

He said that "unless a person is continually trying to make sense of that question — and I believe there is no answer to it — he will not grow as a child care worker."

Dr. Webster does not believe in apparently hopeless cases, such as a severely retarded child. "It is a matter of adjusting expectations. There is always something to accomplish no matter how small. Sometimes, just to teach a child to button up his shirt is a major gain."

The major problem facing Dr. Webster as he takes charge of the two-year-old programme is one of too much success too soon. With a ceiling of 180 opening "we are being overwhelmed by applications. I'm rejecting all sorts of well-qualified applicants."

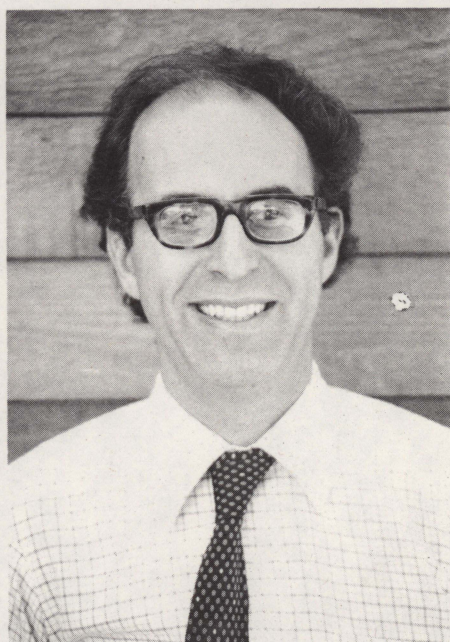
At the same time, as with the other

new professional schools, he is confronted by a cramped space situation and finding funds to hire additional staff and offer more courses.

At the present, Child Care originates two courses — a second-year introductory one and a fourth-year seminar — in the four-year interdisciplinary programme. Both will be taught by him.

He noted there is a growing demand for trained day care workers, and this will be taken into consideration in planning for more courses and faculty.

He said the biggest challenge in the next year will be to "better co-ordinate the academic side of the programme to the practical demands of children and agencies so students can better relate their experience in the field to their studies." (A minimum of 16 months of successful full-time practical experience in agencies is required for the Child Care diploma.)



DR. WEBSTER... science and sensitivity

Dr. Webster said his students will have a large sway in running the entire programme. "This is because it is absolutely essential that students learn how to bring about change so when they graduate they are able to do the same in agencies."

Student representation will include input into internal administration, representation on all committees, including search and admission. Fourth-year students will also act as unpaid teaching aides for second-year students.

Students are also assisting Dr. Webster on a report he is doing on "how best Child Care will fit into the university."

He also wants to work out ways graduates can be re-involved in the programme.

The programme was set up and directed by Dr. William Gaddes (Psychol-

ogy) in 1973-74. Last year, Dr. Roger Ruth (Education) agreed to be its acting director until Dr. Webster could wrap up his commitments as research co-ordinator at the Clark Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto.

Dr. Webster was at the same time a special lecturer in the University of Toronto's Centre of Criminology and an adjunct lecturer in its Department of Medicine.

His research specialties include learning and behaviour modification, and, more recently, the training of autistic children through non-verbal instruction.

He graduated in honours psychology from the University of British Columbia. He received his M.A. in experimental psychology from Queen's, and his Ph.D. from Dalhousie.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Application forms for various researching granting agencies have been received by the President's Committee on Faculty Research and Travel.

They are: Canada Council research grants, deadline date of November 1; Killam Programme of the Canada Council, October 1; Medical Research Council, September 1; B.C. Health Sciences Research Fund, September 15; and National Research Council Exchange of Scientists between Canada and Brazil, Czechoslovakia, France, Japan and the U.S.S.R., September 30.

The contact is Mae Peters, Local 896.

'HOMEY' CLUB COMING

Work is under way to spruce up the drab exterior of the Faculty Club and make the interior cozier.

Ian Campbell, director of Campus Planning, said the \$70,000 project covers the creation of a new recreation area and modern bathroom facilities. The old games room and substandard washrooms are housed in a section which encroaches over the regulatory setback line on MacKenzie Avenue. It will now be removed entirely.

The over-all idea is "to smarten up the general hodgepodge appearance of the exterior."

Because of staff holidays, the club is closed until the first week of September. The renovations will not be completed until October or November, but this is not expected to hamper the operation of the club, Mr. Campbell said.

John F. Reeves (Chemistry), Faculty Club secretary, said some interior changes represent an initial response to the wishes of the membership as expressed in a recent poll on what they expect in terms of development.

Details of the poll will be set out at a

general meeting on September 22, and Mr. Reeves stressed its importance on influencing the future direction of the club.

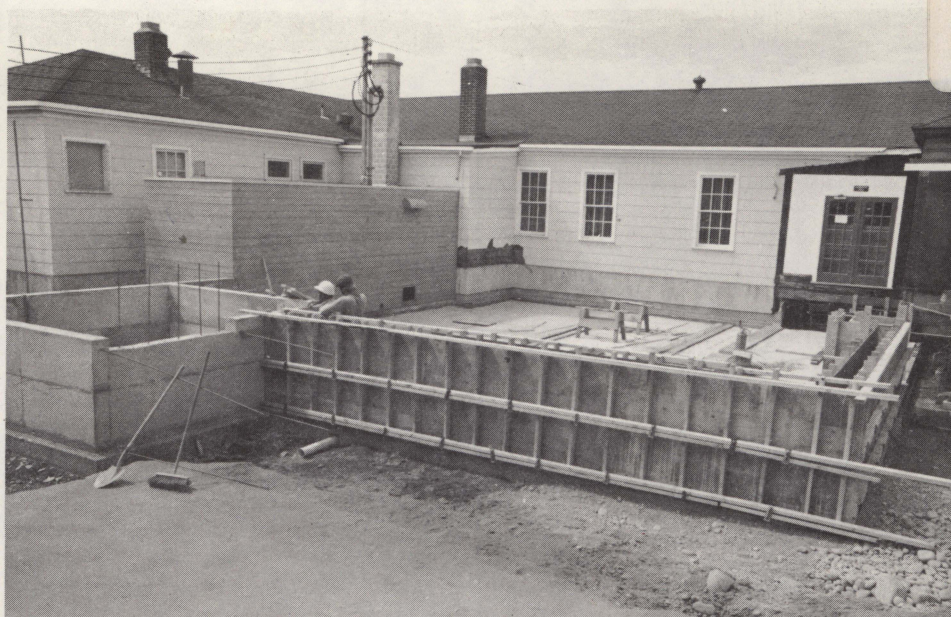
He did indicate that as a first step furniture will be rearranged and new carpeting and curtains installed in response to general dissatisfaction with the interior.

Up to now, lounge seating has been lined up against the wall, giving the club "a waiting room atmosphere".

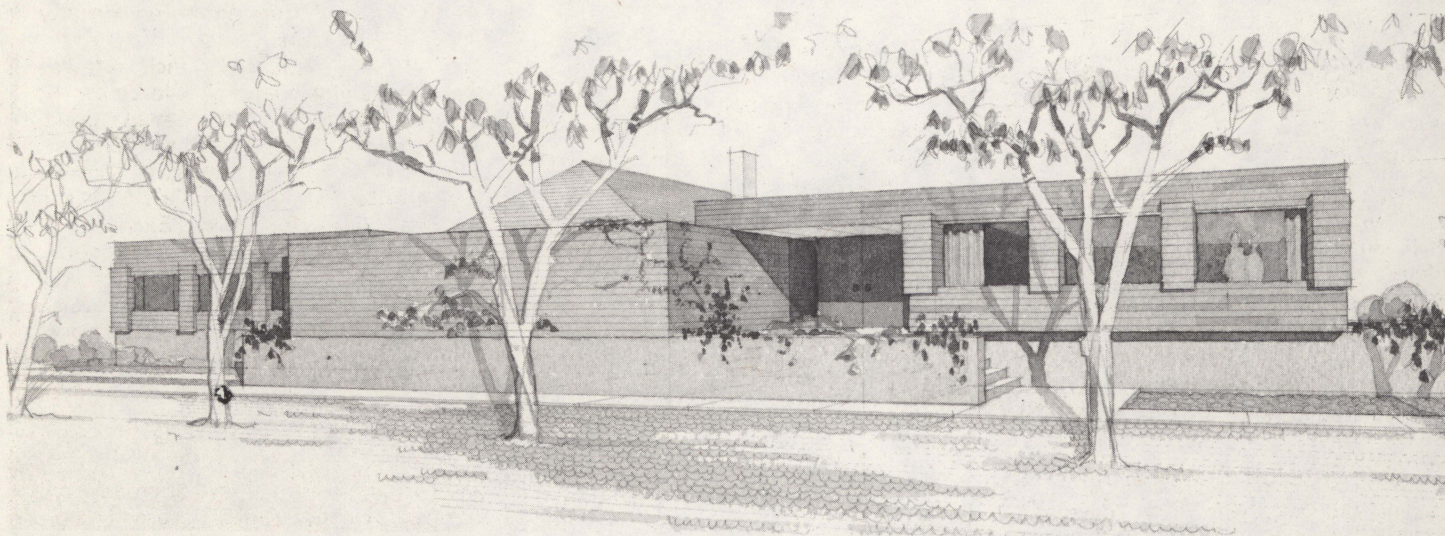
He said "many members expressed the desire that the furniture be arranged for more intimate and private groupings. Generally they wanted more of a homey atmosphere."

With the changes, there will be a new front entrance, and the unsightly kitchen landing will be screened from sight.

The question of whether a new Faculty Club will be built was included in the poll. If this becomes the case in the future, Mr. Campbell said the renovated facilities can well be put to other use.

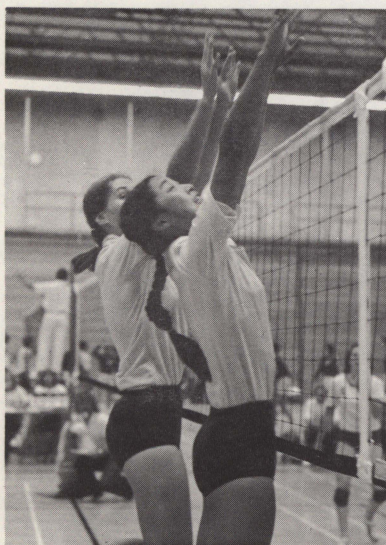


Above, work is under way on the Faculty Club. Below, the architect's drawing of the outcome.



The Canada I team in the women's division was the surprise in the Pacific Rim International Junior Volleyball Championship held last week in the McKinnon gymnasium. The team upset Japan in the semi-finals, only to be defeated by the U.S. in the finals. In the photos, Canada is on the left, the U.S. on the right. Japan won the men's division, defeating Korea, with Canada I placing fourth in a field of eight. With UVic acting as host, the event was sponsored by the Victoria Amateur Sports Events Association. David Titterton, athletics facilities manager, noted that this international event is the first such to be held in Victoria, which reflects the importance of the new McKinnon Centre to the community. The more than 200 participants, many of whom will see Olympic play in 1980, were housed on campus.

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DEFEND THESIS

Miss Grace Chung-Yee Tse, a M.A. candidate in Philosophy, will defend her thesis, "The Interrelations of Kant's Formulae of the Categorical Imperative", before the Faculty of Graduate Studies at 4 p.m. on August 22 in Sedgewick 125.

UVIC DISPLAY

UVic will be participating in a back-to-school display August 28-30 in the Simpson Sears Mall.

Under the co-ordination of Educational Liaison and University Relations, UVic's display will include cold water research, a student kiosk on the housing crisis, and a general information desk manned alternately by representatives of various departments, including Continuing Education, Admissions, the Alumni Association, and some faculty volunteers.

UVic's cold water research, which is drawing international attention, will be explained by research assistants under Dr. Martin Collis (Physical Education). They will also demonstrate UVic's Thermofloat Jacket, which has been developed to extend survival time considerably in waters as cold as those of the Pacific Northwest. A videotape on various facets of the research will be played.

Another videotape recorder at the information desk will play a continuous show on various personalities and projects on campus. The show consists of 10 five-minute segments that appeared earlier this year on Channel 10 under the title of "On Campus". They were produced by Media and Technical Services and University Relations.

The display will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. August 28 and 29, and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. August 30.

FELLOWSHIP WINNERS

Four graduate UVic students were among the 656 first-time award winners announced by the Canada Council in its 1975-76 doctoral fellowships competition.

They are Anne Forester, in Educational Psychology, J.A. Guthrie, Psychology, M.A. Pirot, Psychology, and William Thomas, English Language and Literature.

The fellowships, each worth from \$5,000 to \$6,000 plus a travel allowance if necessary, are tenable in Canada or abroad.

Successful candidates were chosen from a field of 2,728 qualified students in the humanities and social sciences.

FACULTY NEWS

CREATIVE WRITING

Professor Robin Skelton and Bill Thomas have been commissioned by the British Broadcasting Corporation to create a special radio tribute to poet Robert Graves on the occasion of his 80th birthday. The broadcast will be November 2. Professor Skelton, editor of *The Malahat Review*, dedicated the July issue to Graves, who became 80 on July 24. Mr. Thomas was one of the contributors.

Professor Skelton's new book, *The Poet's Calling*, has recently been published in England by Heinemann, and is to be published in the U.S. in the fall by Barnes and Noble. The book is an examination of the way of life of the poet, and it plays particular attention to the experiences of poets in the 20th Century,

making use of new material from interviews and correspondence.

Professor Lawrence Russell's second book of plays, *The Mystery of the Pig Killer's Daughter*, has been published by the Angst World Library. It contains four plays, two of which previously appeared in *The Canadian Fiction Magazine*, and *The Malahat Review*. The title play is planned as the opening production of the 1975 season of the Toronto Free Theatre.

EDUCATION

Dr. John Downing delivered a paper on "Children's concepts of phonological units" at the Eighth International Congress of Phonetic Sciences held this week at Leeds, England. Professor Jean-Paul Vinay (Linguistics) was also present, giving a paper titled "*Phonetique et enseignement des langues vivantes, ou (avec mes excuses à Dumas) Vingt Ans Après*".

Dr. Downing, who is on study leave, is to give an address August 26 on "Chomsky's Theory and Spelling Reform" at the first conference of the Simplified Spelling Society, College of All Saints, London. He is also giving the opening address September 6 at the annual conference of the British Psychological Society Education Section, University of Sheffield.



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